GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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LIBERALISATION POLICY
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to minimise the number of senior officers in view of reduced work load after introduction of liberalisation policy;

(b) the number of public undertaking units closed or sold to private sector so far under the policy;

(c) the number of posts abolished/proposed to be abolished in the concerned departments/ministries post-wise; and

(d) the amount excepted to be saved by the Government from this account annually?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): In 1992, the Government had decided to reduce the number of posts at various levels by 10% and, as a result, nearly 1.83 lakh posts, belonging to all Groups (i.e. Group `A` `B` `C` and `D`) have been abolished. On the recommendation of the Group of Secretaries made in 1992, 135 posts of Joint Secretary and equivalent have been abolished. In the recent past certain Departments have been abolished/merged and some other economy measures have been taken. As a result of this, eight Secretary level posts have been abolished. The Expenditure Reforms Commission, set up by the Department of Expenditure to review, inter alia, the road map for reducing the functions, activities and administrative structure of Central Government has submitted 10 Reports in all covering 36 Ministries/Departments/Organisations. The recommendations contained in these Reports pertain to rightsizing/restructuring of these Ministries/Departments etc. The Department of Expenditure have requested respective Ministries/Departments to take follow up action on the recommendations of the Commission.

(b): The position in respect of closure/privatisation of public undertaking units is as follows:

(i) Establishments of Bharat Gold Mines Ltd. (BGML), Tannery & Footwear Corporation of India Ltd. (TAFCO), Mandya National Paper Mills Ltd. (MNPM), Bharat Process and Mechanical Engg. Ltd (BPMEL), Weighbird (India) Ltd. (WIL), Rehabilitation Industri Corpn (RIC) and National Bicycle Corp. of India Ltd (NBCIL) have been closed.

(ii) Permission for closure of Mining & Allied Machinery Corporation Ltd. (MAMC) has been received.

(iii) Four units of HMT and seven loss making Refractory Units (LRUs)/ Fabrication Yard of Burn Standard Co. Ltd. (BSCL) have bee closed.

(iv) Further closure of Cycle Corporation of India Ltd. (CCIL), India Road Construction Corpn. (IRCC) and ET&T have also been approved by the Government.

(v) Tea Trading Corporation of India (TTCI) has filed an application for liquidation.

(vi) Seven public sector undertakings, including two subsidiaries, have so far been disinvested/privatised.

(c)&(d): Information about the number of posts abolished/proposed to be abolished on account of closure/privatisation in the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Central Government is not centrally available.